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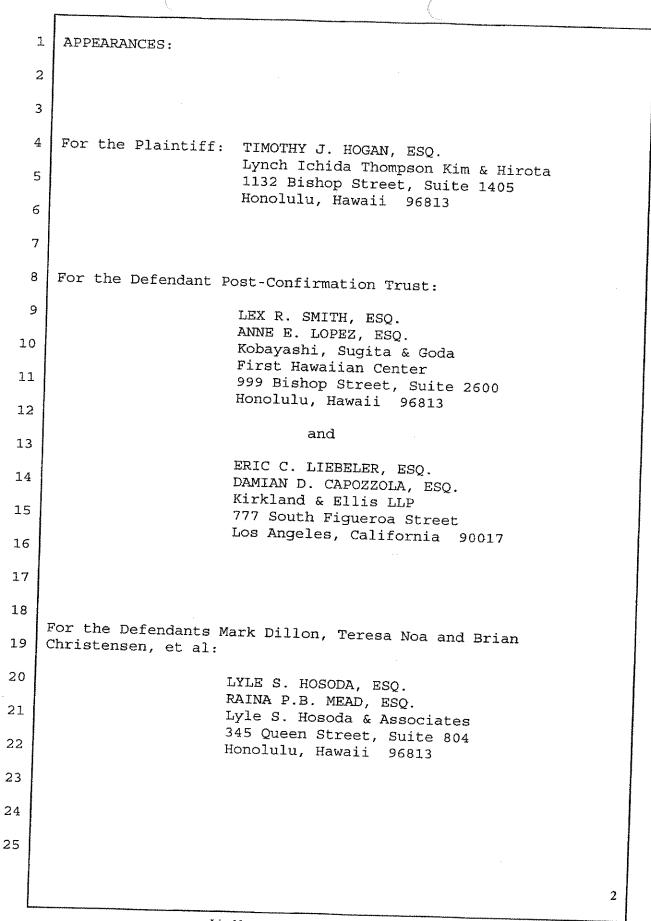
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Wayne Berry

V.

Hawaiian Express Service, Inc.

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                 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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                      FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII
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      WAYNE BERRY, a Hawaii
                                )CIVIL NO. CV03-00385 SOM LEK
      citizen;
                                )(Copyright)
   5
                  Plaintiff,
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   7
                vs.
                                     Volume 1
     HAWAIIAN EXPRESS SERVICE,)
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      INC., a California
  9
      corporation; et al.,
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                  Defendants.
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                    DEPOSITION OF WAYNE BERRY,
     taken on behalf of the Defendant, Post-Confirmation
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     Trust, at the Law Offices of Kobayashi, Sugita & Goda,
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     999 Bishop Street, Suite 2600, Honolulu, Hawaii,
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     96813, commencing at 8:59 a.m., on Wednesday, May 18,
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     2005, pursuant to Notice.
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             Yes.
             Was Fleming in business as of February 15th of
   2
   3
      this year, sir?
             MR. HOGAN: Objection, calls for speculation,
   4
      assumes facts not in evidence.
   5
             Was Mr. Fleming in business? That's debatable.
   б
     They still seem to be selling milk here. They've got
   7
     business licenses all over the country and their
  8
     corporations are still active, a lot of their, you
     know, entities. I thought they should have been all
 10
     closed up. So if I hadn't found all that, I might
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     agree with you.
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            (By Mr. Liebeler): What entities of Fleming do
     you believe were still in operation as of February of
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 15
     2005, sir?
            MR. HOGAN: Objection, vague as to the term
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    "entities of Fleming."
            (By Mr. Liebeler): You just used the term
18
    "entities of Fleming" in your testimony; did you not,
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20
    sir?
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           Yes.
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           I mean it in that exact sense.
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           I can't recall all of them, but, as an example,
    there's one I like to check on, just out of curiosity
24
    I looked at a few weeks ago. Fleming Foods in
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      Florida.
   2
             Here you've written you have personal knowledge
      that Fleming sells to restaurants. Does that Fleming
      as used in your declaration refer to Fleming Foods
   5
      Florida?
   6
             No.
   7
             What is the personal knowledge that you had as
     of February of 2005 that Fleming sells, present tense,
  8
     to restaurants, sir?
  9
 10
            Well, the idea that they're a bankrupt entity
     and they still seem to be going live and strong across
 11
     the country. My personal knowledge, seems that
 12
     they're still active here.
 13
            What is your personal knowledge that they are
 14
     still live and strong across the country, sir?
 15
            I just gave you an example.
 16
           Repeat it for me, because I didn't understand
 17
    it as such, sir.
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           Well, at the -- at some point in Fleming's
    bankruptcy -- Who's the Oklahoma attorneys? McAfee &
20
    Taft I think, for Fleming? Am I remembering this
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    correctly?
           There is a law firm called McAfee & Taft in
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    Oklahoma, yes.
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           That's what I'm trying -- I'm trying to
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remember who they were.

I think they went, according to what I read on the internet, they went through and they made deliberate efforts to close or shut down all these entities, as I refer to them, across the country. I believe it was in their time records and it was also, when you followed the time records and you looked at that state's Department of Commerce, you saw that they indeed did shut down the entities, but others they made no attempt, even though a year prior to that they made this monumental attempt to file, you know, things that were late that hadn't been kept up-to-date as far as state filings.

So first they make this monumental effort and then later they make this deliberate effort to shut down the entities, but it was sporadic.

So you infer from McAfee's activity, with respect to either shutting down or not shutting down various corporate entities, that some of those corporate entities continue to actually operate; is that your testimony, sir?

Α Yes.

Other than looking at the McAfee & Taft time records, what other personal knowledge do you have of the fact that those companies continue to operate,

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      sir?
             The -- Well, again, that was my personal
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      research, that's my personal knowledge, so I think
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     that qualifies. But beyond that, looking at the --
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     and, again, I'm not qualified to do this -- but my
  5
     interpretation of some of the things that were filed
  6
     in the bankruptcy as far as Fleming's financial
  7
     activities, it looked to me as though they were still
  8
     receiving royalties or some kind of ongoing -- it was
     some kind of activity where there was new revenue
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 11
     coming in.
 12
            That is your interpretation of records that you
     looked at in the bankruptcy, correct?
 13
            Exactly, and that may not be correct.
 14
     Α
 15
            What records are those?
 16
    Α
            BMC records.
17
            What specific BMC records?
            I don't recall the exact docket numbers.
18
    A
19
    Q
           Did you retain copies of them?
           No, because they're always on BMC.
20
21
           Did you retain a list of those BMC docket
    numbers so that someone following around could try to
22
    figure out what exactly you meant?
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           MR. HOGAN: Beg your pardon, Counsel. Someone
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    following you around?
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             MR. LIEBELER: Someone reading his declaration
      after the fact could figure out exactly what you mean
   2
      by Fleming continuing to operate.
   4
                  I hadn't thought of that, no.
             No.
             (By Mr. Liebeler): Other than unspecified BMC
   5
     records and records from McAfee & Taft, what other
   6
      personal knowledge do you have that Fleming continued
   7
     to operate in February of 2005, sir?
   8
            MR. HOGAN: I'm going to object as to the term
   9
      "Fleming." I've objected before, as it is collection
 10
     of entities in a bankruptcy. Are you referring to
 11
 12
     Fleming Companies, Inc.?
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            MR. LIEBELER: I'm referring to Fleming in the
     exact way in which your client has used it in a
 14
     declaration that he has submitted to the court in this
 16
     litigation, sir.
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           MR. HOGAN: Very good.
           I think one of the best examples is, as I was
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    walking down the street to this deposition this
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    morning, I saw one of those big 53-foot vans cross in
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    front of me at the street corner and it said "Fleming
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    Foods" on the side.
           (By Mr. Liebeler): Do you have personal
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    knowledge as to who owns that van, sir?
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          No, but I can read "Fleming."
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Do you have personal knowledge as to who
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      operates that van, sir?
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      A
             No.
             The fact that it just says "Fleming" on the
   4
      side of it, does that mean to you, sir, that it
   5
      necessarily means that Fleming is continuing to
   6
   7
      operate?
             I don't think it infers to me that they're not
   8
     operating.
            That's not my question, sir. Just because you
 10
     see a van with the word "Fleming" on it driving down
 11
     the road, do you conclude from that that Fleming is
 12
     necessarily operating?
 13
 14
            It's a good indication.
 15
            Other than McAfee & Taft records, other than
     the BMC records that you can't tell us any more
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    specifics about, and other than seeing a 53-foot van
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    driving down the street, do you have any other
 18
    indications that Fleming continued to operate in
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20
    February of 2005, sir?
           I called the phone number on the milk carton
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    where it had "Fleming Foods," and that was just this
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23
    year.
           And when you called the phone number on the
24
    side of the milk carton, who answered the phone, sir?
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Some sort of a service. And I asked if it was
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      Fleming and they got real evasive about it. And I was
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      trying to identify -- I said, well, it says "Fleming"
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      on the carton and I'm calling the phone number
      associated with that. And they kind of went round
   5
      and round, and then they said they had to get a
   6
      supervisor, and the conversation really didn't go
   7
      anywhere.
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   9
            Did the person -- Can you identify the person
     on the other end of the telephone?
 10
            I tried to. I tried to ask for identification,
 11
     and they said that they basically just answer the
 12
     phone and, you know, some kind of a consumer line or
 13
     something like that.
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            Do you, as you sit here today, have the ability
     to identify who that individual was?
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 17
           No, and it wasn't Archie Dykes answering the
    phone, so, you know.
 18
           I would presume not, Mr. Berry, but you never
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20
    know with Archie.
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    Α
           That's right.
           Do you know what company -- Strike that.
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    Withdrawn.
                Did that individual tell you what company
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    that individual worked for?
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I believe I asked that question or something
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      like it, and there was not a, there was not a company
      named as a response. It was just more like, you know,
   3
      we're answering, you know, on behalf of a Best Yet
   4
      label or something like that.
   5
   6
             I take it that -- Well, first of all, was the
     person who answered the phone male or female, just so
   7
     I can get my pronouns in my questions right?
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            MR. HOGAN: Objection, calls for speculation.
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            It sounded female. I hope I'm not wrong on
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 11
     that.
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            MR. HOGAN: Just protecting the record,
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     Counsel.
            MR. LIEBELER: Let's take five minutes, please.
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     Off the record, please.
            THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 10:06 a.m. and
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    we are off the record.
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            ( Break.)
           THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 10:14 a.m. and
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    we're back on the record.
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           (By Mr. Liebeler): Mr. Berry, turning to
    paragraph 8 of your declaration, it is written there,
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    and I quote, "I believe that Fleming-C&S through their
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    concurrent attorneys are attempting to destroy my
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    relationship Y. Hata, " and then it goes on.
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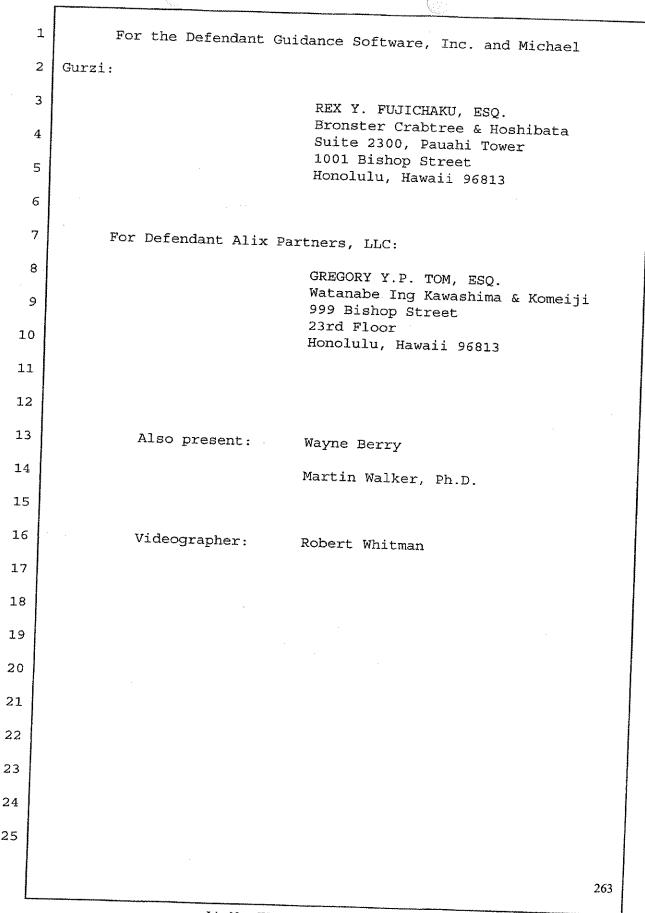
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	1 products.
	Q Did you discuss anything else with the Department
	of Agriculture, other than the concern about diversions?
	4 A No.
	Q How long ago did you have that communication?
	A Whenever we had that mad cow was in the news.
	Q Now, yesterday you mentioned that you have a
;	concern in connection with milk cartons that have Fleming's
-	name on them, and that you had done some investigation
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12	Q Have you contacted the Department of Agriculture
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15	A The Department of Health in Honolulu.
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17	communicated with regarding Fleming, or I guess this would
18	be C&S?
19	A I don't I think Fleming yeah, you're
20	probably right. The only time Fleming's name was mentioned
21	was the name on the carton. It was more regarding the
22	the bad milk, and the fact that the shelf life is no good
23	and it all comes over here in one large container. And
24	we're probably the only state where we have double
25	pasteurized milk.
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      a copy of the milk?
                 That's why I'm asking. So is that what happened,
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           Q
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      you scanned the milk carton?
                I don't know if I personally did it, but, yes, the
   4
           A
      milk carton was scanned and sent.
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                If you didn't, who did that, Mr. Hogan or Mr.
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   7
      Hogan's office?
   8
                It may have been, yes.
           A
   9
                Okay. And then you named the file Moo, or was
           Q
     that Mr. Hogan's office?
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 11
                I think that was a communication between Mr. Hogan
     and Mr. Capozzola. I don't -- I don't e-mail Mr. Capozzola
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 13
     directly.
               So the file wasn't named Moo until Mr. Hogan sent
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          Q
     it to Mr. Capozzola, is that it?
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 16
               I don't know that. I may have named it.
          Α
                                                          I don't
 17
     know who named it.
               Okay. Now, we've remembered the State of Hawaii
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          Q
    Department of Health and another entity that you've
 19
    communicate with. Are there any other state agencies that
20
    you've communicated with regarding Fleming or its officers
21
22
    or employees?
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         A
              That's all I can remember.
24
              Okay. How about C&S Hawaii, have you communicated
         Q
    with -- other than State Department of Health, have you
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communicated with any government entities regarding C&S
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    2
       Hawaii?
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                 I'm not sure. They kind of lump together after
            A
       the asset purchase.
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            Q
                 Okay.
    6
                 I don't know.
   7
                 Well, I'm certainly not looking for you to
           Q
      duplicate anything you told me about already. I guess what
   8
      I'm asking is, is there anything else -- any other
   9
      communication you've had with a government entity relating
  10
      to C&S Hawaii that you haven't already described?
  11
  12
                Not that I can recall.
 13
                Okay. Now, is it correct that by reviewing API's
           Q
     business records, one could learn a significant amount about
 14
     the database that you created for API?
 15
          MR. HOGAN: Objection; vague as to what significant
 16
     amount about the database means.
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          MR. SMITH: You may answer.
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               I'm not sure. They're two separate things.
          A
    Very -- they're -- there's not much in common between the
20
21
    two.
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    BY MR. SMITH:
23
              Okay. So -- but if one were to look at all of
         Q
    the -- all of the paper records of API, would that not
24
   reveal what data is in the database and something about the
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